MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether any grant has been awarded to any Vaidyasala in Shertallai and Ambalapuzha taluks this year?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether there was any application for it?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There were applications from several taluks.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: My question is whether there were applications from Shertallai and Ambalapuzha taluks?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know the number?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

Vaidyasalas conducted by members of Thandan Community.

120 ❋ **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any *Vaidyan* from the *Thandan* or *Vaniyan Community* enjoying grant from Government;

(*b*) whether any member from any of the above communities has been running any *Vaidya Sala* recognised by Government and, if so for how long a period such recognition has been in force;

(*c*) whether any Vaidyan from either of the said communities has at any time been given grant and, if so, when; and

(*d*) whether there is a Visha Vaidya Sala in Kilikolloor, Quilon and the number of patients treated there for snake bite during the last three years?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes; since 1104.

(*c*) Yes; one, from the Thandan community; for a period of over $2\frac{1}{2}$ years from 1106 to 1109.

(*d*) Yes; on an average of 700 patients per year.

Kattathurai Marma Vydiasala.

121 ❋**MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of patients treated by the above institution during each of the years 1111 to 1113; and

(*b*) whether Government have approved of the recommendation of the Director, to conduct that *Vydiasala* as a hospital?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI:

(*a*) 1111—6512 patients
1112—6945 ...
1113—7121 ...

(*b*) The Director has not made any such recommendation.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know the conditions under which the Director may recommend the conversion of the Vaidyasala nto a Hospital?

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MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The conditions are laid down in the rules. The Director may recommend when he is pleased to do so.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I want to know what are the conditions under which the Director may think it fit to recommend for the conversion of the Vaidyasala into a hospital?

Sir, I wish to know whether it is open to the member in charge of this interpellation to say by way of an answer that the Director may recommend when he is pleased. Is he entitled to say like that?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It, is open to the Director to recommend when he so chooses. It is not obligatory on him that he should recommend the conversion of every Vaidyasala into a hospital

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Sir, I wish to know whether he is entitled to answer like that to a member of this honourable House.

PRESIDENT: The meaning sought to be conveyed is that it is discretionary with the Director of Ayurveda to make certain recommendations. It is not incumbent on him to make the recommendation. It is left to his discretion on a review of the consideration of the particular case. That, I take, to be the honourable member's idea.

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know, Sir, whether the member can use his discretion in the choice of such expression.

PRESIDENT: Appropriateness of expression or felicity of language is a matter which is more or less individual and peculiar to people's personalities. Honourable members are entitled to object to impoliteness or rudeness. The choice of expression is often a matter like the shape of one's own nose which people may not be able to command or regulate.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know what are the conditions on which the Director may think it fit to recommend the conversion of a Vaidyasala into a hospital?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It is left to his discretion.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I would like to know under what condition he will exercise his discretion to recommend for the conversion of the Vaidyasala into a hospital.

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There are certain rules prescribed.

PRESIDENT: If the honourable member knows the rules he can expound them.

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I know the rules in a general manner. Sir, I can answer the question.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether the number of patients treated in a Vaidyasala does not count for its conversion into a hospital?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: That is one of the conditions.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Then, may I know why this Vaidyasala was not recommended to be converted into a hospital?

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MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI There are several other conditions, as well. The necessity for the hospital in the taluk, the proficiency, standing and reputation of the Vaidyan concerned, the qualifications he has—all these things will have to be taken into consideration.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know why in view of the large number of patients treated in this Vaidyasala it is not recommended to be converted into a hospital?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The Director has not yet thought it fit to do so.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Is the member aware that in this Vaidyasala the number of patients treated is very much larger than those treated in Government hospitals?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir. For the information of the honourable member I may point out that there are only 3 grant-in-aid Ayurvedic hospitals in the whole State.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know the conditions under which those three grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas were converted into hospitals.

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Conditions which satisfied the rules and on their commendation of the departmental head.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I wish to know what those conditions are?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI As already stated, the number of patients treated is one of the conditions. Some of the other conditions are the proficiency and standing of the Vydian concerned, the confidence of the public on him, his qualifications, the needs of the locality and the proximity of other medical institutions.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there are not other Institutions in Central and South Travancore which deserve such grants?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There may be.

Transport Department.

122. ✱**MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the receipt and expenditure of the Transport Department during the first six months of the year 1114?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR:

Receipts for the first half of 1114 = Rs. 373,823-4-15
Expenditure for the above period = Rs. 249,168-12-14.

Office of the Transport Superintendent.

123. ✱**MR. K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the office of the Transport Superintendent has been audited by the Account Office without previous notice?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No.

MR. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether this office has ever been audited?

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